

**Abstract**

5 The invention concerns a method for decoding compressed video pictures in a video decoding device comprising a random access source of coded video pictures, a video decoder and a plurality of reconstruction buffers for storing decoded pictures.

10 The method comprises the steps of establishing an order of decoding pictures and of commanding said video decoder to decode a picture upon availability of a reconstruction buffer.

The invention also concerns a device for implementing the inventive method.

15 Applicable to digital video decoding devices.

Fig. 5

